

DR. HOGE MADE A MASON AT SIGHT.

Unique Honor Conferred Upon Him.

FIRST IN VIRGINIA.

Grand Master, R. T. W. Duke, Jr., Bestowed the High Tribute.

NOW A MEMBER OF DOVE LODGE.

Master of the Lodge, J. W. Lockwood, Jr., Was Instrumental in Bringing About the Event—The Exercises Were Exceedingly Beautiful and Very Impressive.

Through the Grand Master of Masons of Virginia, a Masonic honor such as has never been conferred upon any citizen of the Commonwealth, was tendered Rev. Dr. Moses D. Hoge, Richmond's most distinguished resident, at his home, at Fifth and Main streets, last night.

The honor which is worthy of the highest esteem, and one which would naturally be received with pride by any one, was accepted by Dr. Hoge in that graceful and strikingly appropriate way which has long characterized the eminent divine's responses upon occasions of more than ordinary moment. The exercises, while simple, were solemn, impressive, beautiful. They will long be remembered by all who witnessed them, and in years to come they will be recalled as marking a notable and important event in the history of Dove Lodge, No. 51, which was instrumental in having the honor conferred upon the venerable and useful man of God.

ORIGIN OF THE IDEA.

It was about a year ago that the idea of making Dr. Hoge a Mason at sight first occurred to Mr. J. W. Lockwood, Jr., master of Dove Lodge. He is one of the best known young Masons in Richmond, and has for years been one of Dr. Hoge's firm friends and sincere admirers. He thought the matter over to himself, and some time afterwards mentioned to Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, R. T. W. Duke, of Charlottesville. Mr. Lockwood did not call any names at first, but told Judge Duke that there was a distinguished gentleman in the State he would like to make a Mason of, so such should make the distinction of the Grand Master. It was mentioned in the interview that while such a thing had never been done in Virginia during the history of Masonry in this state, the Grand Master, nevertheless, had the privilege of exercising such a prerogative if he wished so do.

Judge Duke said he would like to think over the matter, and then Mr. Lockwood told him the gentleman upon whom he wished to see this honor conferred was Rev. Dr. Moses D. Hoge.

HAD HIM IN MIND.

"I had Dr. Hoge in mind," said Grand Master Duke, "and the man above all others in Virginia whom whom such an honor would be justly bestowed."

For a while the matter was quietly thought over, and some time ago, after a conference between Mr. Lockwood and Dr. Hoge the latter expressed a desire to become a member of Dove Lodge, No. 51. He made application for membership, and shortly afterwards the master was again mentioned to Judge Duke. The result was that after some correspondence the grand master yesterday came down from Charlottesville, and it was decided by him to make Dr. Hoge a Mason at sight.

The Grand Master invited a number of distinguished Masons to meet him in the Grand Secretary's room in the Masonic Temple yesterday evening at 6 o'clock. Among those invited were Most Worshipful A. R. Courtney, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Virginia and Past Master of Dove Lodge, No. 51; Most Worshipful B. R. Welford, Past Grand Master of Virginia; Grand Secretary of Virginia, George W. Carrington, and Assistant Grand Secretary of Virginia, C. A. Neelby.

Others who were invited were Master J. W. Lockwood, Jr., of Dove Lodge, No. 51, and the officers of that lodge.

DR. HOGE'S INTEREST.

These gentlemen went from the Temple to Dr. Hoge's residence, where they were cordially received, and there they were joined by Dr. Moses D. Hoge, Jr., and Dr. Hunter McGuire, the physicians who have been in attendance upon the well known minister during his illness resulting from the accident some time ago. Mr. M. M. Gilliam was also in Dr. Hoge's bed room, where the visiting gentlemen were invited.

Dr. Hoge was seated in a large easy chair and appeared to be quite comfortable. He was in joyful spirits and manifested the healthiest interest in the exercises. His eyes were bright and his face lighted up with the old-time vigor and intellectual strength which so often become manifest in his countenance. He expressed his pleasure at being able to greet the gentlemen who were his friends and shook hands cordially with each of them. His voice was clear and resonant and he seemed to have improved considerably of late.

Grand Duke in a most impressive and inspiring way explained to Dr. Hoge the three degrees of Masonry usually granted for admittance into the order, and gave him a clear and comprehensive view of the objects and purposes of the great order. Judge Duke's manner was striking and characteristic of the man. He was listened to with intense interest by Dr. Hoge and the others present as he declared the distinguished divine a Mason.

A BEAUTIFUL RESPONSE.

Dr. Hoge responded in one of the most beautiful and impressive little speeches to which those present had ever listened. His voice was firm and yet pensive and he betrayed considerable feeling in his manner. The diction and finished style of this brief response was well worthy of preservation. The address was eloquent, graceful and full of beauty. There was tenderness, gratitude, and a shadow of kindliness in his speech, and something words of comfort and something appealing in it all, and it made a deep and lasting impress upon every one present.

DR. DEWEY WILL NOW RANK THEM ALL.

Rear-Admirals Miller and Bunc on the Retired List--The Former on Account of His Age.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—Rear-Admiral John Miller, recently detached from the command of the Pacific Station, was placed on the retired list to-day on account of age. The vacancy thus created in the highest grade of the navy will be filled by the promotion of Commodore L. H. Nowell, commanding the Boston navy yard.

ADMIRAL BUNCE.

The naval officer to-day contains an announcement of the retirement of Rear Admiral Francis M. Bunc on the 25th. Admiral Bunc is commandant of the New York navy yard, generally regarded as the most important shore command in the navy.

REAR-ADmiral George Dewey will be the ranking admiral in the navy, upon the retirement of Admiral Bunc next month.

FOR DEWEY.

It is understood that the President will recommend to Congress the re-creation of the office of admiral or vice-admiral for the special benefit of Admiral Dewey and there is not much doubt that Congress will enact the necessary legislation.

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ROOSEVELT TELLS ABOUT SANTIAGO.

A Great Deal of Confusion Existed at Tampa.

FED ROUGH RIDERS.

He Saw by Individual Effort That They Had Enough to Eat.

MEDICAL SUPPLIES WERE SCARCE.

Lack of Transportation Was the Greatest Trouble—Rev. Henry Bryan Tells a Gruel Story.

Way the Dead Were Prepared for Burial—Neglect at Mountauk Point.

honor. He considered it a high tribute indeed.

Dr. Hoge thanked Judge Duke personally for coming from Charlottesville to admit him into the order in so beautiful a way, and he also expressed his thanks to all members of the order individually and collectively for coming to his house upon this mission. He humbly trusted that they would all meet together in heaven as brethren in a great united lodge.

WAS MADE CHAPLAIN.

Judge Duke responded to Dr. Hoge's speech in some well-chosen and impressive words, and Dr. Hoge declared himself a member of Dove Lodge.

Master of the Lodge Lockwood made Dr. Hoge chaplain, and as such the distinguished divine dismissed the meeting with brief prayers.

The entire exercises were strikingly beautiful, and were pronounced by a number of those present as the most impressive they had ever witnessed.

After congratulations the visitors shook hands with Dr. Hoge and with best wishes for his speedy recovery and long years of usefulness before him, they took their departure.

MANY BANKRUPTS.

Reports Show That All are Availing Themselves of the New Law.

WASHINGTON, November 22.—The first report of the operation of the national bankruptcy law, prepared by E. C. Brandenburg, in charge of bankruptcy matters in the Department of Justice, contains some very interesting information, especially with reference to the State of New York. Mr. Brandenburg is an authority on bankruptcy matters, and is preparing for publication several works on bankruptcy. He is enthusiastic in the belief that the operation of the law will fully meet the wants of the people and the wish of the most prominent advocates in Congress. While serious objection to the passage of the law was made by representatives in Congress from some parts of the country, especially the agricultural, its operation has, however, been found in every state to have been successful.

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well as they should have been so near home, but after that there was nothing that I could do with it.

AMBULANCES NEEDED.

"Why was there a scarcity of medical supplies in Cuba?" asked Dr. Connor. "I don't know. I heard there were plenty on the ships. There was a lamentable need of ambulances. I think we could have done better better with fewer men and more transportation."

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